

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

Claim 1. (Currently cancel)

Claim 2. (Currently cancel)

Claim 3. (Currently cancel)

Claim 4. (Currently cancel)

Claim 5. (Currently cancel)

Claim 6. (Currently cancel)

Claim 7. (Currently cancel)

Claim 8. (Currently amended):        A boat including a cover fastening system, the boat comprising:

    a body of the boat including first and second sides;

    a groove defined along the first side of the boat;

    a plurality of expanding anchors positionable within the groove; and

    a plurality of fastening members, each fastening member including a locking portion and a mounting portion, the locking portion of each fastening member being received within a respective anchor to expand and fix the anchor at a desired position along the groove, and the mounting portion being adapted to engage a corresponding mounting structure of a coat cover-;

wherein the first side of the boat includes a freeboard extending in a generally vertical direction, a weatherboard extending in a generally horizontal direction, and a gunwale member extending along the first side of the boat, the gunwale

member defining a first receiving portion to accept one end of the freeboard and a second receiving portion to accept one end of the weatherboard, and wherein the gunwale member further defines the groove that receives the plurality of anchors.

Claim 9. (Original): The boat of claim 8, wherein the locking portion of each fastening member is a threaded portion.

Claim 10. (Original): The boat of claim 8, wherein the mounting portion of each fastening member is a snap portion.

Claim 11. (Currently cancel)

Claim 12. (Currently amended): The boat of claim ~~11~~ 8, wherein the gunwale member is an extrusion.

Claim 13. (Currently amended): The boat of claim ~~11~~ 8, wherein the gunwale member is made of aluminum.

Claim 14. (Currently amended): The boat of claim ~~11~~ 8, wherein the gunwale member further defines a channel configured to hold a bumper.

Claim 15. (Original): The boat of claim 8, wherein each fastening member and respective anchor is configured to slide along the groove and be located at a plurality of positions along the first side of the boat.

Claim 16. (Original): The boat of claim 8, wherein the groove extends along a substantial length of the first side of the boat.

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Claim 17. (Original): The boat of claim 8, wherein the groove is downwardly angled.

Claim 18. (Currently amended): A boat including a side having gunwale extrusion, the boat comprising:

a weatherboard connected to the extrusion; and

a freeboard connected to the extrusion;

wherein the extrusion defines a groove that extends along a substantial length of the side of the boat-;

an upwardly facing channel defined by the extrusion and configured to receive a first bumper; and

a laterally facing channel defined by the extrusion and configured to receive a second bumper.

Claim 19. (Currently cancel)

Claim 20. (Currently amended): The boat of claim ~~19~~ 18, further comprising a plurality of anchors and respective fastening members positioned within the groove.

Claim 21. (Currently amended): The boat of claim ~~20~~ 18, wherein the groove is downwardly angled for receiving anchors.

Claim 22. (Currently cancel)

Claim 23. (Currently cancel)

Claim 24. (Currently cancel)

Claim 25. (Currently cancel)

Claim 26. (Currently cancel)